

**AGE LIMIT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NSLP  
WHEN ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL**

- PURPOSE:** This instruction sets forth the definition as to age limitation for those eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program.
- SCOPE:** School food authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.
- DESCRIPTION:** There is no age limit for participants in the NSLP when they are enrolled in a school as defined in section (a) of the definition of school in 7CFR Part 210.2. Therefore, adults are eligible to participate in the NSLP if they are attending such a school during the meal service period and are enrolled in a curriculum of high school grade level or under or the equivalent. This would include those adults enrolled in either the regular high school completion system or GED programs.
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